

Northern Arizona University

	FY 2024 ACTUAL	FY 2025 ESTIMATE	FY 2026 APPROVED
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	2,456.1	2,399.0	2,399.0
Personal Services	169,601,600	164,668,200	164,668,200
Employee Related Expenditures	51,642,200	49,010,500	48,384,900
Professional and Outside Services	13,996,400	13,307,700	13,307,700
Travel - In State	231,500	381,400	381,400
Travel - Out of State	331,000	10,400	10,400
Other Operating Expenditures	16,452,600	18,219,600	9,164,000
Equipment	2,041,100	899,400	899,400
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	254,296,400	246,497,200	236,816,000 ^{1/}
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
2003 Research Infrastructure Lease-Purchase Payment	5,302,900	4,885,500	4,884,500 ^{2/}
2017 Capital Infrastructure Funding	4,942,500	5,041,400	5,142,200 ^{3/}
Arizona Financial Aid Trust	1,326,000	1,326,000	1,326,000
Biomedical Research Funding	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000 ^{4/}
NAU - Yuma	3,084,600	3,088,400	3,083,100
Teacher Training	2,292,700	2,292,700	2,292,700 ^{5/}
AGENCY TOTAL	274,245,100	266,131,200	256,544,500 ^{6/ 7/}
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	138,925,500	134,294,400	124,707,700 ^{8/ 9/ 10/}
<u>Other Appropriated Funds</u>			
University Collections Fund	135,319,600	131,836,800	131,836,800 ^{11/}
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	135,319,600	131,836,800	131,836,800
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	274,245,100	266,131,200	256,544,500
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	441,643,400	436,776,900	446,306,400
Federal Funds	158,595,700	160,181,700	161,603,900
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	874,484,200	863,089,800	864,454,800

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — Established in 1899, Northern Arizona University (NAU) is one of 3 public universities governed by the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR). The university's primary focus is undergraduate residential education.

FOOTNOTES

^{1/} Any appropriated monies allocated by the university for the economic policy institute may not supplant any existing state funding or private or external donations to the institute or to the university. The appropriated monies and all private and external donations to the institute, including any remaining balances from prior fiscal years, shall be deposited in a separate account, shall be used only for the direct operation of the institute and may not be used for indirect costs of the university. On or before October 1, 2025, the institute shall submit to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairpersons of the senate education committee and the house of representatives education committee and the director of the joint legislative budget committee a report that includes at least the following information for the institute:

1. The total amount of funding received from all sources.
2. A description of the faculty positions and courses offered.
3. The total undergraduate and graduate student participation.
4. Significant community events, initiatives or publications.

The chairpersons of the senate education committee and the house of representatives education committee may request the director of the institute to appear before the committees to report on the institute's annual achievements. The legislature intends that appropriated monies allocated by the university for the economic policy institute in fiscal year 2025-2026 be consistent with the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2022-2023, except that the university may

allocate to the institute the lump sum reduction of not more than 3.45 percent prescribed by Laws 2024, Chapter 209, Section 129. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

- 2/ A.R.S. § 15-1670 appropriates \$4,884,500 to NAU from the General Fund in FY 2026 to finance lease-purchase payments for research infrastructure projects.
- 3/ A.R.S. § 15-1671 appropriates \$5,142,200 to NAU from the General Fund in FY 2026 for capital infrastructure projects.
- 4/ The biomedical research funding shall be distributed to a nonprofit medical research foundation in this state that collaborates with universities, hospitals and biotechnology and health research centers. A nonprofit foundation that receives monies shall submit an expenditure and performance report to northern Arizona university. The university shall transmit the report to the joint legislative budget committee and the director of the governor's office of strategic planning and budgeting on or before February 1, 2026. The report must include at least the following:
 - 1. The type and amount of expenditures from all state sources of monies, including the amount leveraged for local, state, federal, and private grants.
 - 2. A description of each grant received as well as the percentage and locations of positions funded solely or partly by state monies and the nonprofit foundation's projects with which these positions are associated.
 - 3. Performance measures, including:
 - (a) Outcomes that are specifically related to the use of state monies.
 - (b) Progress that has been made toward achieving each outcome, including activities, resources and other evidence of progress.
 - (c) Reportable inventions or discoveries related to each outcome.
 - (d) Publications, presentations and narratives related to each outcome and how the expenditures from all state sources of monies that the nonprofit foundation received have benefited this state. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 5/ The appropriated amount for the teacher training line item shall be distributed to the Arizona K-12 center for program implementation and mentor training for the Arizona mentor teacher program prescribed by the state board of education. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 6/ Other than scholarships awarded through the Arizona financial aid trust, the appropriated monies may not be used for scholarships or any student newspaper. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 7/ General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.
- 8/ The state general fund appropriation may not be used for alumni association funding. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 9/ The increased state general fund appropriation from Laws 2014, chapter 18 may not be used for medical marijuana research. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 10/ The FY 2026 General Fund budget is \$124,707,700. This amount includes \$114,267,500 in NAU's individual section of the FY 2026 General Appropriations Act, \$4,884,500 in A.R.S. § 15-1670 lease-purchase appropriations, \$5,142,200 in A.R.S. § 15-1671 capital infrastructure appropriations, and \$413,500 for statewide adjustments.
- 11/ Any unencumbered balances remaining in the university collections fund on June 30, 2025 and all collections received by the university during the fiscal year are appropriated for operating expenditures, capital outlay and fixed charges. Earnings on state lands and interest on the investment of the permanent land funds are appropriated in compliance with the enabling act and the Constitution of Arizona. No part of this appropriation may be spent for supplemental life insurance or supplemental retirement. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

Operating Budget

The budget includes \$236,816,000 and 2,367.8 FTE Positions in FY 2026 for the operating budget. These amounts consist of:

	<u>FY 2026</u>
General Fund	\$104,979,200
University Collections Fund	131,836,800

Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Operating Funding

The budget includes a decrease of \$(10,100,000) from the General Fund in FY 2026 for the elimination of one-time operating funding.

The FY 2023 budget's 3-year plan included \$10,100,000 from the General Fund for one-time operating funding in FY 2023, FY 2024, and FY 2025. The enacted FY 2024 budget's 3-year budget plan increased one-time funding in FY 2024 by \$1,000,000 for a total of \$11,100,000. The FY 2025 amount remained at \$10,100,000 with no funding in FY 2026 and beyond

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$418,800 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)*

Student enrollment counts and tuition and fee levels for students will determine the amount of university tuition and fee collections. The University Collections Fund amount will ultimately be adjusted to reflect these revenue amounts. *(Please see the NAU Other Issues Section and ABOR for more information.)*

2003 Research Infrastructure Lease-Purchase Payment

The budget includes \$4,884,500 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for the 2003 Research Infrastructure Lease-Purchase Payment line item. Adjustments are as follows:

Refinance Adjustment

The budget includes a decrease of \$(1,000) from the General Fund in FY 2026 to adjust the Certificates of Participation (COPs) payment.

A.R.S. § 15-1670 appropriates an annual amount from the General Fund to the state university system from FY 2008 through FY 2031 to finance lease-purchase payments for research infrastructure project agreements entered into before July 1, 2006.

Since this funding appears in A.R.S. § 15-1670, this funding does not appear in the FY 2026 General Appropriations Act. In total, the universities have issued \$482,500,000 in COPs for research infrastructure projects. Of this amount, NAU has issued \$42,210,000 in COPs. *(Please see the ABOR section for more information.)*

2017 Capital Infrastructure Funding

The budget includes \$5,142,200 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for the 2017 Capital Infrastructure Funding line item. Adjustments are as follows:

Inflation Adjustment

The budget includes an increase of \$100,800 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for a 2.0% increase in capital infrastructure funding.

A.R.S. § 15-1671 provides General Fund appropriations from FY 2019 - FY 2043 for new university research facilities, building renewal, or other capital construction projects. Since this funding appears in A.R.S. § 15-1671, this funding would not appear in the FY 2026 General Appropriations Act.

A.R.S. § 15-1670 increases the appropriation annually by the lesser of 2% or inflation, as measured by the change in the GDP deflator from the second quarter of the second preceding calendar year to the second quarter of the calendar year immediately preceding the fiscal year (in the example of FY 2026, from the second quarter of CY 2023 to the second quarter of CY 2024). *(Please see the Lottery Bonds and Capital Infrastructure Funding Program Summary on the JLBC website.)*

Arizona Financial Aid Trust

The budget includes \$1,326,000 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for the Arizona Financial Aid Trust (AFAT). This amount is unchanged from FY 2025. *(Please see the ABOR section for more information.)*

Biomedical Research Funding

The budget includes \$3,000,000 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for the Biomedical Research Funding line item. This amount is unchanged from FY 2025.

Funding is allocated to a nonprofit medical research foundation that specializes in biotechnology and that collaborates with universities, hospitals, biotechnology and health science research centers. Previously, NAU awarded the funding to the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen). *(Please see the Department of Health Services section for additional information.)*

NAU - Yuma

The budget includes \$3,083,100 and 31.2 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2026 for NAU-Yuma. Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(5,300) from the General Fund in FY 2026 for statewide adjustments.

NAU operates this campus in conjunction with the Arizona Western College in Yuma.

Teacher Training

The budget includes \$2,292,700 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for Teacher Training. This amount is unchanged from FY 2025.

The Teacher Training program serves to increase the number of teachers serving as mentors under the Teacher Training (“Master Teacher”) program. The Arizona K-12

Center is affiliated with NAU and is located in downtown Phoenix.

Other Issues

This section includes information on the following topics:

- Summary
- Long-Term Budget Impacts
- University Collections and FTE Positions Adjustments

Summary

NAU's FY 2026 General Fund budget is \$124,707,700. Of this amount:

- \$114,267,500 is included in NAU's individual section of the FY 2026 General Appropriations Act.
- \$4,884,500 is appropriated in A.,R.S. § 15-1670 for a research infrastructure lease-purchase payment.
- \$5,142,200 is appropriated in A.R.S. § 15-1671 for new university research facilities, building renewal, or other capital construction projects.
- \$413,500 is for statewide adjustments.

Long-Term Budget Impacts

As part of the budget's 3-year spending plan, NAU's General Fund costs are projected to increase by \$102,600 in FY 2027 above FY 2026 and increase by \$114,600 in FY 2028 above FY 2027.

These estimates are based on:

- A decrease of \$(200) in FY 2027 and an increase of \$9,700 in FY 2028 to adjust for university debt service costs.
- Increases of \$102,800 in FY 2027 and \$104,900 in FY 2028 to increase the university's annual Capital Infrastructure Funding appropriation.

University Collections and FTE Positions Adjustments

Including statewide adjustments, the FY 2025 General Appropriations Act appropriated \$135,319,600 from the University Collections Fund to NAU. The Collections Fund for NAU represents a portion of tuition, fees and a portion of land earnings. *(Please see ABOR Other Issues for more information.)* If collections differ from the appropriated amount, the annual General Appropriations Act includes a footnote permitting the universities to expend those amounts as well as a separate footnote requiring the

submission of a report detailing any adjustments to the appropriated amounts.

ABOR sets tuition independent of the legislative process. Any revised tuition rates as well as changes in enrollment can result in collections exceeding (or being below) the appropriated amount. The Universities reported the adjustments to the University Collections Fund for FY 2025 to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in June 2024, and NAU incorporated the adjusted FY 2025 amounts as part of their FY 2026 budget submission. Accordingly, the estimated FY 2025 amount has been adjusted downward by \$(3,482,800) to \$131,836,800.

The FY 2025 FTE Position count has also been adjusted. The FY 2025 General Appropriations Act originally appropriated 2,480.4 FTE Positions in FY 2025 for NAU. The General Fund accounted for 1,175.8 FTE Positions and the University Collections Fund accounted for the remaining 1,304.6 Positions. The estimated number of FY 2025 FTE Positions has been adjusted downward by (81.4) to 2,399. The General Fund accounts for 1,132.6 FTE Positions and the University Collections Fund accounts for the remaining 1,266.4 FTE Positions.